

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 18, 2004. Claims 1, 4-6, 18 and 21 are presented for examination. Claims 2, 3, 7-17, 19, 20, 22 and 23 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 4, 6, 18 and 21 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 18 and 21 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

As is described in greater detail in the specification, it is known to use a single input device, such as a wireless mouse, with plural computers. One approach to doing so involves using a different frequency for communication with each computer. This, however, increases cost. Alternatively, a single frequency can be used, if each computer is assigned a device number, and each communication is labeled with the device number of the intended recipient. This, again, has disadvantages, in that the data overhead increases, and each computer must receive all the transmissions, including those not intended for it. Besides that, the user is inconvenienced by the need to keep track of the respective device numbers.

The present invention provides a system for effecting wireless or similar communication between an input apparatus and plural computers or other device. Independent Claim 1 is directed to an input apparatus connectable to a plurality of devices. The apparatus comprises display means for displaying a list of the plurality of connected devices, and selection means for selecting one of the plurality of devices based on the list displayed by the display means. Also provided are operation means for operating the device selected by the selection means, and the display means display the list of the plurality of connected devices according to radio communication in different modes for the

device capable of being operated by the operation means and other devices unable to be operated by the operation means.

Among other important features of an input apparatus according to Claim 1, is that of displaying a list of devices on a display unit according to two different modes: one for devices capable of being operated by the apparatus's operation means, and another, for devices not capable of being operated by the operation means.

Phillips relates to a wireless device that uses profiles associated with respective contexts. The contexts may correspond to wireless device locations, user age, user skill, user gender, ambient environmental factors. The operation of the wireless device can then be controlled based on the profile applicable to the actual context.

Applicant submits, however, that nothing has been found, or pointed out, in *Phillips* that would teach or suggest an input apparatus having means for displaying a list of a plurality of connected devices, much less means that display such list of connected devices according to radio communication in different modes according to whether or not the respective device can be operated by the input apparatus's operation means, as recited in Claim 1. For at least that reason, Claim 1 is believed to be clearly allowable over *Phillips*.

Claims 18 and 21 are, respectively, a method and a memory-medium Claim corresponding to apparatus Claim 1, and are believed to be clearly allowable over *Phillips* for at least the reasons advanced above with regard to Claim 1.

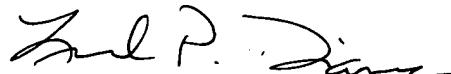
The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of

the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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